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TELEGRAMS.

THE CHINA-JAPAN WAR.

LONDON, October 12th.
The Chinese held the northern bank of the
Yalu in great force.The Japanese have entered Wiju.
It is affirmed at Tokyo that the Japanese
will not sheathe the sword until guaranteed
against further Chinese meddling in Korea, and
an ample indemnity is paid by China.[Wiju, or Aichu, is a city on the left bank and
near the mouth of the Yalu River—the
natural China-Korea frontier. It is the chief
border-town on the Korean side of the high
road from Seoul to Peking.—Ed. Hongkong
Telegraph.]

THE CZAR AND CZAREWITCH.

The Czarwitsch will attend the Czar to Corfu;
thence he will proceed to Darmstadt to escort
Princess Alice to Russia, where the wedding will
take place in November.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Yava* from
China arrived in London on the 12th inst.THE United States cruiser *Charleston* arrived
at Yokohama from Honolulu on the 1st inst.It is computed by a Scotch paper that there
are now enough paupers in Great Britain, to
form four armies, a procession considerably
over 100 miles in length.THE death of the well-known race-horse Black-
bird, winner of the Grand Stand Stakes at the
last Shanghai Spring Meeting (one mile in sand)
on the 5th inst., is reported from
Fookshoo.ELECTRIC shocks are now used to overcome the
effects of excessive indulgence in alcoholic
drinks.An acting model of the human heart, with every
detail, has lately been made by a French
physician. The blood can be seen coursing to
and from it through artificial arteries.A TIENTSIN correspondent writing under date
26th ult. to the *Shanghai Herald* stated that
"Mr. Thompson, the London *Times*
correspondent, reports that England has declared
herself on the side of Japan."—Next please!THE response of a certain Frenchman to a
handsome woman who complained that she had
discovered three grey hairs in her head was
paradoxical but graceful. "Madame," said he,
"so long as they can be counted they don't
count!"MR. H. DE WINDT, special war correspondent of
the *Pall Mall Gazette* has arrived here from
the north on route to Europe, having abandoned
the idea of accompanying the fleet to Tientsin.
C. Coward of the *China Mail*, set out yesterday
to perform in the interests of the London *Times*,
namely, getting to the front of the Japanese
forces in Korea. For reasons best known to
himself the Japanese Government have
hitherto positively refused to accord to European
war correspondents the favours invariably con-
ceded to the "speakers" of all first-class news-
papers throughout the civilized world. Japan's
action in this important matter will be hardly
redound to her credit, but rather the reverse.WONG CHIN-FOO, who is "probably the brightest
and best educated Chinaman in America," has
according to an American contemporary, settled
the Far Eastern question. He says that China
will easily beat Japan, and then must come the
great fight for the vice mastery of the world.
"When it comes to a final struggle between the
mainly ancient civilization of the East, and your
besotted, foolish, women-ruled, debt-burdened,
and divided civilization of the West, where will
the victory lie? The first gun in a struggle that
it may take a century to settle has been fired.
When the last has been fired there will be but
one ruler, one triumphant, conquering race, and
one religion in all this wide world." *Receipt*:
Let the Orders of six armed peace's forces,
the quipped Dragon (with a double-barrelled
quint in his eye), and the vermilion and gold
riding jacket be conferred upon Wong Chin-foo
for his wit.MR. S. F. CARLYLE questions in a London paper
whether the 1,300 missionaries here, as reported,
converted 37,000 Chinese. Are these numbers
correct? Those of the Chinese who appear to
be converted to Christianity have in every
instance "an axe to grind" of their own, either
in the shape of wages, position, or prestige of
some sort or other. No genuine Chinese has
ever really embraced Christianity; but many
may have appeared to do so for purposes of
their own. It is quite impossible to imagine
that this fact is not thoroughly well known.
Judge by the number of the 1,300 missionaries
coming and going and living in all parts of
China. To this "H" replied that he cannot
agree with the sweeping assertion that "no
genuine Chinese has ever embraced Christianity."
The missionaries make very few converts either
among the literati or the well-to-do classes
generally—probably for the same reason that
the Pharisees of old rejected, as a class, the
teaching of our Saviour. They have also more
to give up when they become Christians than
the lower orders—Jussu.IT is generally conceded, remarks a writer in
the Cincinnati *Times-Star*, that the happiest
nation on earth, as a whole, are the French.
They are happy because they are contented, and
one conspicuous reason why they are contented
is because the great mass of them live in their
own homes. Not more than 30 per cent. of the
French people rent the quarters they live in.
They are, indeed, the best sheltered people in
the world. Though there are only 38,000,000 of
them, they have 9,000,000 dwelling houses.
This, as will readily be seen, provides a house
for every 4-2-9 persons, another conspicuous
exhibition of French thrift. In America in 1890
there were 5.45 persons to every dwelling forty
years before, or in 1850, 5.94, or nearly six
people to every dwelling, and yet in France the
population is much more dense than in this
country. There are on an average 187 people
to each square mile, while in the United States
there are but 21, and in the North Atlantic
States only 107 to the square mile. In the
United States, in 1890, only 47.5 of the farms
and houses altogether were owned by the occu-
pants, the remaining 52.5 per cent. being occu-
pied by tenants, and those occupying the same
at a rental. Of the homes in American cities
and villages, 63.2 per cent. are rented houses.SAVANNAH, as, according to the *New York
Maritime Register*, to be congratulated in
assuming the cost of quarantine, making the
same a charge on the city Treasury and not upon
shipments that has heretofore been the case. The
may seem like taking on a heavy burden, but it
will be found one that can be lightened by the
commerce of the port will gain largely from this
relief. There is no just reason why ship-
ping should bear the expense of quaran-
tine, an examination made for the general
good and protection. Without shipping
the trade of a port would be nothing,
and the tax it solely where the interests
of the old-time system when quarantine
was really forty days detention. We are glad
to see this step taken by Savannah for it is
likely to bring good results in two ways: Other
ports will have to follow Savannah's lead in
reducing these unjust port charges, and efforts
will be made to make quarantine examinations
and detentions less annoying than they are at
present. Eventually, think, maritime nations
will come to some kind of internal quarantine
arrangements whereby much more safety will
be secured by securing better sanitary methods
at ports, and thus by prevention save the need
of much quarantine work.It is now stated, but the report is unconfirmed,
that Count Oyama, in command of the Second
Army Corps, has been ordered to attack Tientsin.
There is, in the opinion of the *Japan Herald*,
no doubt that Japan is preparing for our vigorous
effort before the winter, and Peking rather than
Moukden should be her goal. But at the same
time she must not withdraw the troops in face
of the enemy upon the Chinese frontier. They
may not deliver the main attack in Japan's final
movement, but their part will be no insignificant
one in the movement's eventual success. An
attack upon Tientsin presupposes another
naval engagement, in which the combined
Chinese squadrons shall be even more effectively
dealt with than was the Peking fleet at Hai-
yang. This is quite in keeping with the
numerous rumours of another sea-battle
within a few days. Japan's last reserves are
being called out. In a very short time 20,000
men will be on active service and everything
will be ready for one desperate effort to end
the war this year. If this is not done Japan
must prepare herself for a protracted and most
wearisome struggle, the outcome of which nobody
can foretell. We may expect a succession of
stalling incidents shortly. The struggle must
be short if it is to be sharp; but that it
will be decisive our contemporary expresses
grave doubts.AN Imperial edict of the 29th instant notifies
that, in accordance with a memorial from the
Empress Dowager, the Emperor has appointed
Prince Karg as head of the Tientsin Yamen,
and Director of the Board of Admiralty.It, as was recently reported, the Japanese
attempted, but ineffectually, to force the Koreans
to cut off their top-knots, the Chinese might do
worse than take their *gambas* from the hapless
natives of the Land of Morning Calm.By private and very reliable advices from Peking
the *N. C. Daily News* learns that the Viceroy
Li Hong-chang is being most heartily supported
by the Empress-Dowager, who is showing her-
self in the present crisis "the best man of them
all."It is stated that the long-talked-about prohibi-
tion of the export of coal from Japan will soon become
an accomplished fact, says the *Japan Mail*. A
notification to that effect is expected to be
promulgated shortly, the Government having
decided to adopt this step.It has been notified by the Harbour Master of
Canton that owing to the war now being waged
by Japan against China all vessels entering the
Pearl river must stop off Chean Pee until they
have been inspected by the Chinese authorities
and received permission to pass up to Canton."ONE thing must be admitted in favor of our
sex," said an advocate of female rights and
superiority to her husband. "In the time of
need we are always strong. Can you mention
the name of a single woman who has lost her
head in time of danger?" Why, there was the
lovely Marie Antoinette, my dear," suggested
her husband, mildly, with a deprecatory smile.CAPTAIN WILLIAMS, the late popular com-
mander of the Australian liner *Changsha*, left
a couple of days ago by the *Siam* for home on
well earned leave, and, we believe, to bring out
a new boat for the China Navigation Co. for
whom four new boats are now being built in
Greenock for the China coast trade. Captain
Williams' numerous friends in China, Japan and
the Antipodes will be sure, with him *bona
voyage*, and a speedy return to these realms of
the bliss.THE Church Missionary Society has asked that
prayer may be constantly made in behalf of
China and Japan at this time, that the horrors
of war may be averted and cause the present
complications to "fall out rather into the
furtherance of the Gospel." A similar appeal
has, it is said, been issued by the Society for the
Propagation of the Gospel, which has several
missionaries in Korea working under Bishop
Corie. Good! And now let us all pray and
then join in singing "Shall we meet beyond the
river—Yaloo-hoo!"A PRIVATE letter received at Shanghai the other
from Newchwang states that a heavy levy is
being made on the merchants there for money,
men and horses for the war. The people resent
this, but all is quiet. There is great conversa-
tion in Korea over the landing of Japanese troops
near Hwangso, North Korea. The King General
whose bodyguard attacked Dr. Gray some time
ago and whose soldiers have given considerable
trouble by attacking chapels and killing Mr.
Wills and baiting lady missionaries, has been
promoted, and is to have the very important
post of Tartar General in Fokien province.THE Canadian Government has at last definitely
voted the subsidy of \$750,000, which a few years
ago they had provisionally offered to the late
Mr. Brice Douglas, of the Barrow Shipbuilding
Company, for a 20-knot weekly service between
England and Canada (Quebec in summer, Hal-
ifax in winter), and they have made a provisional
contract with Mr. James Huddart to provide the
service, allowing him three months to raise the
necessary capital. The subsidy is to be given
for a period of ten years, after which it is to be
reduced by one-third for a like period. The
Finance Minister estimated the cost of running
the boats at \$60,000 per round voyage, or
\$120,000 per annum.COMMENTING on Siamese affairs in general the
North British Daily Mail says:—"We are
assured that Siamese affairs continue to engage
the earnest attention of the Foreign Office,
acting, we suppose, in concert with the India
Office. The *Quel O'Crane* cannot fail to note
and digest the language of the *Chinese Herald*,
and the *Japan Herald*, for it involves nothing less
than a declaration of policy. The welfare of that
kingdom, in which the interests of British
trade are so preponderant, cannot be a matter
of indifference to any Government, says the
Mail; and until the projected Buffer State is
fully organized, the province of Chantaboon
evacuated by the French, and the integrity of
the whole of Siam finally assured, the attitude
of vigilant observation on our part cannot be
relaxed." France, it may be added, has never
tried to justify her spoliation of the feeble king-
dom of Siam, and is still in wholly unlawful
possession of Siamese territory. It is possible,
of course, that a mutual guarantee of
the integrity of Siam may be arrived at, but in
the face of the notorious duplicity of French
diplomacy it may be necessary to adopt more
certain ways of ensuring the integrity of Siam
than by struggling along the thorny
paths of latter-day diplomacy. Peace with
honour can alone be the basis of any settlement
with France in respect to the questions which
the latter Power has found it convenient to raise
in regard to a country in which the interests of
British merchants completely overshadow those
of the subjects of all the nations of the earth,
including, of course, *la belle France*.A STORY, far too good to be allowed to sink into
oblivion, was going the rounds in Yokohama
the other day. It was told in a hotel in
Yokohama, where Miss Elsie Adair, the accom-
plished Serpentine dancer, had taken up her
abode, and it was told thus: Three magnificent
specimens of the genus "manhood," who
are said to be particularly "fishing" in
Yokohama, called upon the manager of the
hotel, and asked if they could dine at the hotel
and have a table to themselves adjoining the one
next to the fair Elsie, and when he agreed they
were delighted, and stepped out to the bar and
opened a bottle of wine in honor of their success
in obtaining the coveted seats. After smacking
their lips they enquired, says the *Star*, at what
hour Elsie finished, and on being told at noon
sharp, they rushed away to bring up. They got
dressed, put on their good clothes, added a button-
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the lawful ruler of the realm but will have availed himself of this immunity from responsibility as freely offered by France, who, while possessing no pecuniary or other interests in Siam, will acquire a large body of clients, whose safety she will consider herself responsible for in the event of disturbance, and who, freed from legitimate control, it may become difficult to direct. As has been justly pointed out, this claim which France makes to Siam subjects would be paralleled if the rights of German citizenship were demanded from natives of the Finnish provinces. But it appears that not only are the Laos, whose progenitors were settled in Siam before the period of the French conquest of Cochinchina, accepted for registration, but Mohan, descendants of Peguans, are being received as French subjects. No doubt the mutual explanation which will follow the representations it is natural to suppose have been made, will clear up much that is still doubtful, until further development of the matter, we content ourselves with thinking that even although the enrolling is confined to the Laos, the nationality of these people is not changed by last year's treaty, and that if Siam subjects before, they are all Siam subjects. Further, it will not be maintained there are no Laos at all on the right bank of the Mekong. And there are many arguments of a like nature to prove, but it is to be hoped, as we say, that mutual explanations will lead to a reasonable view being taken of the matter.

SIAM NOTES.

BANGKOK, October 13th.
In the British Consular Court, on Monday, in the action brought by Mr. C. K. Kler against Mr. J. Madan for Tcs. 1000 damages for alleged malicious prosecution, an order was made on plaintiff, by Mr. Beckett, to deposit Tcs. 400 as security for costs.
Mr. Scott, H. M. Charge d'Affaires, expects to leave Bangkok shortly after the middle of this month, but has not definitely fixed the date. We understand that the object of the commission to the Upper Mekong is simply one of inspection and enquiry, while, after consideration of its report, will be followed by another for the actual making of the buffer State's boundaries.
A case in which all the legal practitioners in Bangkok are engaged is on the *lafa* in H. M. Consular Court. Some time ago a property sale was conducted on behalf of the Consulate, Mr. Money, an official of the Court, acting as auctioneer. The property fell to the bid of Vite Padachree, the Indian trader, who now alleges that he was bidding for the auctioneer, against whom he makes charges of improperly conducting the sale. Mr. Naylor has been retained for Mr. Money, and Messrs. Mitchell, Page, Tillack and Kellert are on the other side.
For the last few days a number of Moha people have been observed gathering at the head of the lane leading to the French Consulate, and they have been seen to go to the latter place and seek registration as French subjects. The Naval Department having been communicated with two Phayans were ordered to enquire into the matter, as these people are under the control of the Naval authorities. On Monday morning 33 men who were standing at the gate of the Consulate were taken to the Bangkok Police Station and examined, their marks showing that they were Mohans, with the exception of five Laos. These latter also bore the marks of Siamese authority. Two Laos who showed French papers were left unmolested, and these informed the French Consul what had happened. Mr. Hardouin, accompanied by a clerk went to the Police Station and demanded the release of the five Laos, asking "Why do you prevent these people coming to my Consulate?" and insisting that all natives of Laos had a right to French protection. None of the men had registered, yet Mr. Hardouin took not only the five Laos but all the Mohans. After staying some time within the Consulate the men left in small groups, but how many were registered as French subjects we are unable, as yet, to say.—*Times*.

The *Gorgon* which arrived yesterday, brought Mr. Weiss and a party of French engineers and miners for the Wattana Gold Mines. An English engineer also accompanies the party to erect the machinery, which is of English manufacture.
Owing to several large buyers the price of teak is going up. We hear that Mr. P. W. Smith is making large purchases as agents of Messrs. F. & Co. who are loading the *hugon* *Siam* with wood for the London market, while it is also stated that a gentleman has recently arrived from a large English house for more purchases.

The *Borneo Co's* steamer *Abdon* cleared yesterday with close on 1,000 tons of teak, chiefly square, for Bombay; and the B. I. steamer *Byalla* which was here a short time back, is expected again in a few days' time to load timber to the same port, also on behalf of the Borneo Company.

Yesterday, at H. B. M. Consular Court, before Mr. Beckett, Mohamed Hossein, who claims to be a British subject, appeared to show cause why he should not be handed over to the Siamese authorities. A Siamese naval official was present who claimed the man as a subject of His Majesty the King of Siam. Mr. Mitchell, who appeared on behalf of Mohamed Hossein, was informed by His Honor that he would not be allowed to do anything but watch the case or suggest questions, as the enquiry was not of a strictly legal character. The enquiry was adjourned till Friday.

In the libel action in which Mr. Rollin Jacquemyns obtained a verdict of \$600 damages against the Proprietor of the *Siam Free Press* the costs, which were taxed yesterday, amounted only to \$21.65, which includes \$6.50 for Court fees paid, and \$15.15 balance of the Singapore bill of costs. This latter amounted to \$152.65, of which the defendant had paid to before \$120, so that damages and costs the *Free Press* had had to pay amount to \$1,037.50. In the recent Penang newspaper libel case, where \$100 damages were awarded against Mr. Bengier of the *Strait Independent*, the costs, we believe, reached over \$2,000.

A Chinaman named Chin Von was exhibiting a snake to the passers-by in the New Road on Sunday, saying that he had not drawn the fangs, but that it could not harm him, as he had some medicine to protect him against snake bites. To show the truth of his assertions the Chinaman opened the snake's mouth, showing that the fangs were all there, and put his hand into the mouth. The onlookers were naturally astounded at such conduct, but, before the astonishment aroused was abated, the snake bit the Chinaman's hand. The latter, nothing daunted, told the onlookers that he would go home to procure some medicine, but this proved ineffectual to save him, and he fell a victim to his temerity.

French views on the Siam Blue Book issued by the British Government are somewhat amusing reading, as the great object of the French newspapers seems to be to prove that "Cottin's friend, not Short." The wonder is that we have the hardihood to raise our head again after reading what two-faced scoundrels the English are. Probably it is our consciousness of our own rectitude which enables us to do so, and probably it is the consciousness of their own duplicity which prompts our Gallic neighbours to throw in our direction so much of the mud which envelops them, in the hope that just a little may stick.—*Observer*.

JOURNALISM.

Of journalism as a force which acts powerfully and immediately on ideas, on sentiments, and on interests, good and evil have been said at all times by persons of every rank and of all grades of intellect. No man or public institution has ever had in the same space of time an equal amount of praise or blame.

Any one who wished to collect all the opinions for and against the press which writers have expressed, would have to compile a large volume, and if he desired to reprint all the things that journalists have said of each other he could fill a library.

Dellie de Sales defined journalism as "a convenience for speaking without reflection combined with a convenience for doing injury"; and journalists as "people who having neither a political nor a literary existence are devoted to the mania of destruction." Sivers, on the other hand, declared that "without liberty of the press there could be neither public nor individual liberty." Victor Hugo called the press "the living clarion which sounds the reveille of the people." According to Vissnet, "the liberty of the world is the work of the press."

Bonald, in turn writes: "The press brings governments into contempt without benefiting the people, and embitters the people whom it renders impossible to govern." E. Veuillot says: "Like that girl whom Circe cursed, the liberty of the press has brought forth dogs who devour their mother." Balzac was pleased to declare: "If the newspaper did not exist, it should not be invented." Many other writers belaud the press. "The press is the tithe enlarged," says Benjamin Constant. "The liberty of the press," writes Chateaubriand, "has been nearly the whole business of my life; to that end I have sacrificed all that I could sacrifice: time, work, and repose."

Yet in despite of detraction and as if to justify the praise of its apologists, journalism, overcoming all the obstacles in its way, has continued to make gigantic strides on the road to power and influence. Its life, however, as a real political and social force, may be said to date from yesterday.

To give an idea of the rapidity with which journalism has grown a few figures will suffice. From a report on the condition of the periodical press in France made to the First Consul in 1803, it appears that in the year named there were published in Paris fifteen daily journals, with a total circulation of 25,514. To-day an issue of 25,000 copies for a daily journal is a very common thing. The *Petit Journal* prints every day a million copies, the *Petit Parisien* 500,000, *Figaro* 80,000, the *Republique* 70,000.

In 1888 Germany had 5,500 periodical journals of which 800 were dailies. It shows the decentralization of the German press that of these 5,500 but 620 were published in Berlin. It is thought across the Rhine to be next door to a miracle that the weekly *Allgemeine Zeitung* has a circulation of 300,000. The most widely circulated of the German dailies, the *Berliner Tagblatt*, does not print more than 70,000 copies.

If the United States did not exist, the English press would surely be the first in the world; not so much for the number of its journals and the talent of its writers, as for the gigantic dimensions of its papers, abundance of its microscopic characteristics, and its powerful mechanical means. The *Times*, sold for three pence, contains every day matter enough to fill an octavo volume of five hundred pages. The *Daily News*, founded in 1846, with four pages and voluminous supplements, prints from 300,000 to 350,000 copies daily. The *Tory Standard* has every day two editions, of which the combined issue is 255,000. The United States journals, however, far exceed their European brethren. If the English journals are Lilliputian, the newspaper in the United States is a monster of paper and ink. There are journals which are much more than an octavo volume—they are folios, a dictionary. Statistics published in 1872 showed that, at that time, the total circulation of the journals in the State of New York alone amounted to 402,770,868 copies a year.

Be it a good or an evil, the desire of the public is constantly diminishing for merely political discussions and for those literary discussions which were the delight of our fathers. Now-days the public cares much more for things than for ideas. What it wants is facts, information, notices. A journal can no longer hold its own, and assuredly cannot attract the great mass of readers, without catering to this changed taste. To England we owe the invention of the reporter, but the glory of having produced the interviewer belongs to the United States alone. Reporters and interviewers are classed among the journalists; but how many journalists in the world can be classed among "writers" properly so called?

Of course, the expenses of a greatly daily journal are enormous. The output of the London *Times* is equal to that of some large cities. The expense account of the New York *World* exceeds that of some small States. In France, the *Figaro* could not be bought for \$14,000,000. Apart from the expenses, consider how many people the journals employ.

If to those who compile a daily newspaper you add the people employed in its administration, those who look after the advertisements, the compositors, the proof-readers, the paper-makers, the ink-manufacturers, the folders, the vendors, and numerous others, you reach colossal figures. There are in the world hundreds of thousands, nay millions of persons, who get from a newspaper, more or less, their daily bread.

From all the data I have given there can be drawn this important conclusion: In the first half of our century, as an agent, that is, for propagating certain political, philosophical, or social ideas, has perished or is on the point of perishing. In its place has arisen another thing, the journal transformed into a mighty agent of publicity; in other words, essentially an industry, a work which differs from the manufacture of calicoes or steam-boilers, only by having a greater capacity for doing good or harm.—*Rassigna di Scienze Sociali e Politiche*.

PIETY—IN ITS AFFECTIONATE ASPECT.

The troubles of the shepherd of a new church—commenced on the principle of brotherly and sisterly affection—call attention once more to the hazy variety of religion. The charges brought against the holy man relate principally to much alleged cordial embracing of the young ladies of the church; an undue distribution of the kiss of peace; a fervent, partial hugging of the flock at picnics; a tendency to walk home with the tenderest lambs at late hours; and to wander with them into the bush on festive occasions; and a general yearning to press the church to his bosom. The good pastor's church was founded on solid hugging principles in the first place, but the expounder is accused of running the principle into the ground, so to speak, and leaving no room for the other brethren. Apart from his excess of favour on his part, there seems to be little difference between his church and most other churches. The aggregate church has more trouble, through the pastor embracing somebody in the vestry than from any other cause, and its next greatest trouble arises out of the mutual hugging of the flock.

There is a warm spiritual affection about most congregations which leads the male members to prop up the aching heads of the female members at picnics, and to break out into kiss-in-the-rings and other violent games, and to lift the female parishioners down awkward places with needless fervour when the church goes raving with hymns and inferior tunes, and to rush with unnecessary energy to the assistance of the distressed girl who is supposed to have a caterpillar down her back. The members pin each other altogether too much with hot, damp, shapeless hands and unmeaning giggles, and there is a superfluity of the kiss of peace. When a new church starts with an unwonted burst of fervour it almost always transpires that the members thereof call each other "brothers" and "sisters" and distribute the above-said kiss of peace in a copious fashion, and that sacred and spiritual hugging is a conspicuous feature in the devotion, and that the pastor is fair to see and beautifully slim in the legs. And when the church bursts out it is invariably because the hugging was unevenly distributed, and the person with the slim legs got more than his share. A very large proportion of pastors may be divided into two classes—the young and the old, bald, benevolent, fatherly kind, who put the heads of the female members of the congregation and call them "child." Half the joy of church attendance consists in the facilities it affords for being mildly affectionate and calling it "spiritual consolation," or of melting the ears and back hair of a young "sister," and doing it suitably "in the Lord." And the whole joy of that church picnic, to which the good anti-filibuster is so powerfully addicted, lies in the pious horse-play which is sandwiched in between the hymns and the bucketful of weak tea, and the great masses of indigestible tea-cake. Still, the church picnic is a healthy entertainment in its way, so far as the young are concerned, and combines all the advantages of a horse-race, a pious exhortation, and a shampoo—the shampoo consisting principally of violent head-friction by the pastor and principal sinners. It is only the elderly saint, who gets cold while sitting neglected on the grass, who finds it seriously unwholesome.—*Sydney Bulletin*.

THE WINNER OF THE SQUATTERS' CUP.

Lark good? Yes, pretty fairish now, the worst I ever knew.
Came when I won—and lost—a race for Scott at Wallaroo.
How's that? you say—well, if you like, I'll try to make it clear:
'Twas in the spring of Ninety, in the grand old Carbine's year,
I rode Scott's well-known Planet, and I didn't care a rap.
Bar Sheik, for all the entries in the Squatters' Handicap.
(A fine, big bay like Planet was that Dick Delaney's sheik.)
A blooming muff had got the mount—Bill Long, of Sandy Creek.
'Twas over rails and water, too, the district's favourite race.
My word! the Cup and Stakes were grand for such a one-up place.
That year they'd copped the fences, but the stewards must were proud
Of that deep, muddy water-jump they'd scooped to please the crowd.
Down dropped the flag, and in the lead abreast I faced Bill and I.
Abreast we cleared the first three jumps. "Sheik! Planet! Sheik!" they cry.
Those mugs capping on the "logs" had pulled the others up.
And one of us, the public knew, must win the Squatters' Cup;
Just as I thought I'd be that one, there came a sudden fear.
Bill's prad was racing fresh and strong, while mine rolled blooming queer:
And I cursed the keyless stables, way back there in the bush.
They'd "got at" dear old Planet then, that blank Delaney "push."
No! Praps I'd better not explain, how with an ugly thud,
We jostled at the water-jump, and fell in soupy mud.
We lost our reins, and Bill got kicked, by what he didn't know.
(But when six pal of legs got mixed, a young 'un gets a show.)
We scrambled out two yellow jocks, each caught a trailing rein.
We sprang on yellow horses, and we raced away again;
"Sheik! Sheik!" they yell. Bill got the start, they knew him by his hair.
(He used to sport a ragged "mo," my face was then quite bare.)
My mount seemed freshened up, an old, he gained at every stride.
And then there came another yell, "O! Planet wins!" they cried;
Unheeded fell Bill's cruel whip, I saw his prad was done,
I passed his flanks, his girth, his head—the Squatters' Cup was won!
"You wretched fool," said Scott to me (but not a word I spoke)
I knew the boss's larking ways—I thought I saw his joke!
"It's no good my protesting, for you weigh in both the same."
(Just here I winked to let him know I twiggled his little gum.)
"You wretched fool," said he, again, with more dramatic force,
"You think you win! Blank you, you did—on Shaik Delaney's horse!"
Frank Bellman in *Sydney Bulletin*.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SALE!

THE BRITISH SHIP "DRUMELTAN."

TENDERS for the PURCHASE of this Vessel as she now lies in Nagasaki harbour will be received up to the 31st instant, by

Captain McCLELLAN,
c/o Messrs. HOLME RINGER & Co.,
Lloyd's Agents, Nagasaki.

The right to refuse the highest or any Tenders is reserved.

GILMAN & Co.,
Lloyd's Agents,
Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1069]

TO JOURNALISTS.

AN EXPERIENCED AND CAPABLE JOURNALIST is wanted for the staff of the *Hongkong Telegraph*. Liberal terms to a competent man; no other need apply. Full particulars as to experience, capacity, and terms to be sent to

R. FRASER-SMITH,
Editor & Proprietor,
Hongkong, 7th September, 1894.

To-day's Advertisements.

GYMKHANA.

THE NEXT GYMKHANA is fixed for the 27th October. Entries Close:—Mile Handicap on the 20th inst. and other Events on 23rd.

PROGRAMMES may be had at the CLUB.
W. H. E. MURRAY,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1068]

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING, &c.,
AT H.M. NAVAL YARD, AT KOWLOON.

PERSONS desirous of TENDERING are requested to deliver their Tenders Sealed and marked "TENDER FOR BUILDING," not later than 10 A.M. on the 20th October, at H.M. Naval Yard, Hongkong, addressed to the Commandant-in-Charge, H.M. Naval Establishments.

Plans, Specifications and all particulars can be obtained on application to the Officer-in-Charge-of-Works, Admiralty Office, R.N. Yard, Hongkong, 14th October, 1894. [1070]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 379.

INFORMATION has been received from the Military Authorities that ARTILLERY PRACTICE from the BATTERIES will take place as under, between the hours of 8 A.M. and NOON:—

On 17th October, from Lyman in an Easterly and North-easterly direction.
On 18th October, from Belcher in a Northerly and North-westerly direction.

On 19th October, from Stonecutters' Island in a Westerly direction.

All Ships, Junks, and other Vessels are cautioned to keep clear of the ranges.

The inhabitants of the houses near Belcher's are warned to keep their glass windows open during the PRACTICE, and all people working in the vicinity of Belcher's Battery are also warned to keep clear of that part which will be indicated by gunners placed on sentry for the purpose.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Acting Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 11th October, 1894. [1071]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 20TH OCTOBER, 1894.

No. 122.—FIELD BATTERY—DECEASED.

No. 13 pr. R. E. EAGER, 6th inst.

No. 123.—DRILLS—FIELD BATTERY—TUESDAY, 5.40 P.M.; TRAINED VOLUNTEERS, Company Drill (Uniform White Caps).

RECRUITS—Squad Drills—FRIDAY, 5.30 P.M.; TRAINED VOLUNTEERS, 7 pr. Gun Drill—RECRUITS—Squad Drill (Plain Clothes).

SIGNALING CLASS—TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 4.10 P.M. KOWLOON DETACHMENT, 7 pr. Gun Drill—MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 5.15 P.M.

No. 124.—FIELD BATTERY, for duty, Lieut. MACHELL and B. S. M. DUNCAN.

No. 125.—GENERAL—Special Squad Drill will be held on WEDNESDAY, at 5.30 P.M. and 9 P.M., to enable members to complete their number of these Drills; they will not count for PRIZES.

No. 126.—GENERAL—In future Ammunition for private practice may be obtained on payment from the Sergeant Instructor at Headquarters.

By Order,
F. F. LAMARDE, Lieut. R.A.,
Adjutant,
Hongkong Volunteer Corps.

Headquarters,
Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1066]

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OFFICE, FIRST FLOOR, "MARINE HOUSE," QUEEN'S ROAD.

ROOMS in "BRACKENFIELD ARCADE," QUEEN'S ROAD.

HOUSE No. 6, 126 HOUSE STREET, lately occupied by Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.

HOUSE No. 3, DUNDRELL STREET, now in occupation of Messrs. EDWARD, SCHELLHAAS & Co.

GODDOWNS in DUNDRELL STREET.

Apply to BELLIOS & Co.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1073]

NORTHERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "SIKH,"

FROM TACOMA, VICTORIA, YOKOHAMA AND KOBE.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

DODWELL, CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1064]

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND TAIWANFOO.

THE Company's Steamship

"THALES,"

Captain H. Bathurst, will be despatched for the above Ports on MONDAY, the 17th instant, at Noon, and not as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1065]

FOR SHANGHAI AND KOBE.

THE Steamship

"LINDISFARNE,"

Captain R. Andrew, R.N.R., will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 17th instant.

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TATA & Co.,
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Hongkong, 13th October, 1894. [1072]

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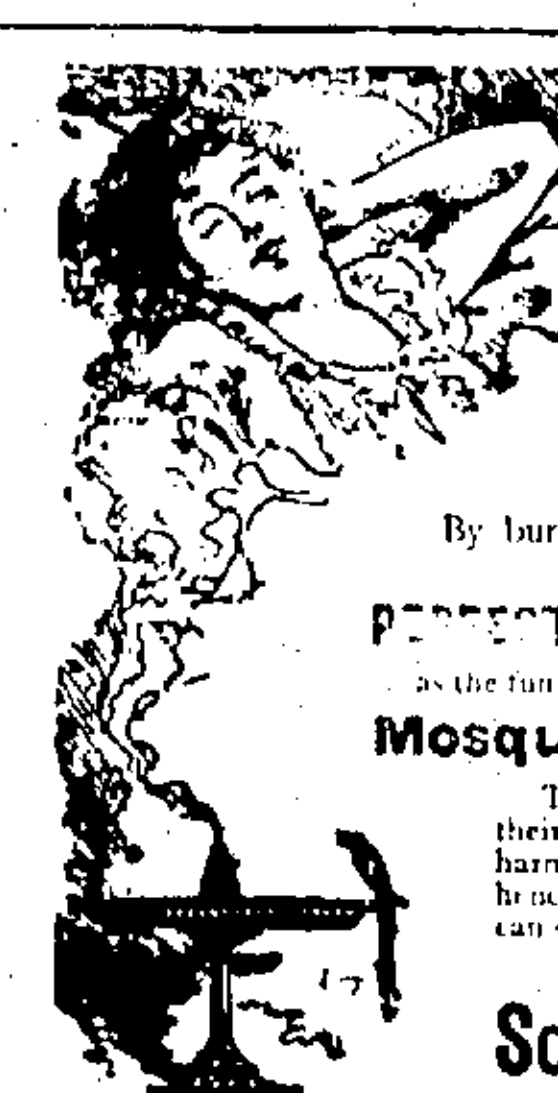
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V. A. ROZARIO,
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Canton, 31st July, 1894. [1834]

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Hongkong, 13th August, 1894. [1643]

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